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Potomac Valley Hospital Approved For Rural Development Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan

Morgantown, WV – April 27, 2006: State Director Robert M. Steptoe, III, today announced that **Rural Development** approved a Conditional Commitment for a Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan of \$10,000,000 for Potomac Valley Hospital of WV, Inc., Mineral County, WV.

Rural Development funds will be used to finance the construction of a new hospital in Keyser, Mineral County, West Virginia. This project is expected to save 225 jobs.

"I congratulate Potomac Valley Hospital of WV, Inc., for the hard work, effective planning and community commitment demonstrated in securing this funding," Steptoe remarked. "Like other forward thinking people in our state, Mineral County residents recognize that modern healthcare facilities represent an essential element that improves their quality of life and makes their community more attractive to new economic opportunities."

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